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CORRECTED NOTICE RE: Inhaled Corticosteroid drug class

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Dear Interested Party:

Following recommendations by the Washington State Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, the Department of Social and Health Services - Health and Recovery Services Administration (DSHS - HRSA), the Health Care Authority - Uniform Medical Plan (UMP), and the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) have named the following drugs as preferred in their respective therapeutic classes on the Washington State Preferred Drug List:

Inhaled Corticosteroid

Aerobid ®
Aerobid-M ®
Asmanex ®
Azmacort ®
Flovent ®
Flovent Rotadisk ®
Flovent HFA ®
Pulmicort Respules ®
Pulmicort Turbuhaler ®
Qvar ®

Each agency will use the common PDL according to its benefit structure.

All agencies will implement the Inhaled Corticosteroids class on January 1, 2007.

If you have other questions or comments regarding this announcement, please contact Erika Clayton at (360) 923-2736 or by email at pdp@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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